GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:454
ANSWERED ON:26.08.2004
IMPORT DUTIES ON LPG AND KEROSENE
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of surge in international oil prices, the Government propose to cut import duties on LPG and Kerosene;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas has urged the Ministry of Finance to curtail import duties on petroleum products; and

(d) if so, the response of the Government in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (d) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.454 BY SARVASHRI NIKHIL KUMAR AND ADHIR CHOWDHURY TO BE ANSWERED ON 26TH AUGUST, 2004 REGARDING IMPORT DUTIES ON LPG & KEROSENE

(a) to (d): With a view to containing the impact of increases in the international oil market prices on domestic consumer prices of PDS Kerosene, domestic LPG, diesel and petrol, effective midnight of 18th/19th August 2004, customs duties on these products were reduced by 5% each and excise duties were reduced by 4% on PDS Kerosene and 3% each on diesel and petrol.

The Government had earlier reduced excise duties effective midnight of 15th/16th June 2004 by 8% on domestic LPG, 3% on diesel and 4% on petrol.